

## **Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and review**

**Minutes: January 12, 2016**

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.**

### **Call to Order:**

**Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.**

### **Roll Call:**

**Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Booth, Thornton, Jackson and Filippi.**

**Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq., Administrative Officer Kathy Hague and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.**

**Absent from today's hearing were Commissioners Sylvester, Pearson, Richard and Walker.**

**Minutes: Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to accept the January 5, 2016 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **New Business:**

**APPEAL #150123:** Megan Picozzi and Christopher Picozzi appeared for the property located at 686 Hartford Pike Avenue, North Scituate. Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Kaitlyn Iannone appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow the existing main entrance controlled egress assembly to remain in use without an approved sensor and to install approved signage on the main egress doors within thirty (30) days from date of the decision, showing the use and location of the manual release device, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #150117:** Joseph M. Belliveau and Norman J. Belliveau appeared for the property located at 252 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville. Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal (ADSFM) Norman Mainville appeared for the Harrisville Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Harrisville Fire Marshal's Office for the upgrade of a fully compliant fire alarm system throughout this facility. The Board granted an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Board granted the Applicant one (1) year to have the disabled sprinkler system in this facility completely removed, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Harrisville Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant was granted a variance to allow one exit from

Unit B leading from the basement stairs to access exit to remain in use. In granting this variance the Board granted the Applicant time a variance of ninety (90) days to have a compliant handrail installed on the basement stair. The Board noted that the Applicant must keep Unit B exit clear of any snow or ice. The Applicant was granted a time variance of ninety (90) days to have Unit D housekeeping brought into compliance and to provide the egress access floor with yellow marking, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Harrisville Fire Marshal's Office. The Board grants the Applicant a variance to allow a single means of egress from the second floor Unit D of this facility. In granting the Applicant the above relief, the Board directs the Applicant to provide "Not An Exit – Roof Access Only" signage on the second floor door that leads to the roof, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Harrisville Fire Marshal's Office. Finally, the Board authorizes the Harrisville Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline(s) for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant in accordance with the provisions of Board Rules and Regulations, section 6-2-22-1. The motion passed on (5) to (1) vote with Vice Chairman Blackburn opposing the vote.

**APPEAL #150124:** Michelle Spina, Scott Charpentier and Kathleen Bazinet appeared for the property located at 530 Wood Street, Bristol.

Chief of Inspections Octavio Vieira and DSFM Patrick Carney appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant's request for variance to be allowed to continue use of the

**second floor of this facility under Business Occupancy. In granting the Applicant this relief the Board directs the Applicant to limit occupancy on the second floor of the business use to forty nine (49) occupants. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #150125: Victor Santos and Mary John Santos appeared for the property located at 19 Derby Street, Pawtucket. ADSFM Allen McVay appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. At this time no motion was taken by the Board. The Board advised the Applicant and the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office to work-out a plan of action and return to the Board. This property was rescheduled for February 9, 2016.**

**APPEAL#160001: Edward A. Rowse, appeared for the property located at 1145 Main Street, Pawtucket. Chief of Plan Review Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton to grant the Applicant a variance to maintain the existing elevator opening within the exit passageway to remain in its existing condition. . The motion passed unanimously.**

- **Old Business:**

**The Board reviewed and voted on January 5, 2016, subcommittee's recommendations to a full Board on January 12, 2016 for the following properties that were heard:**

**APPEAL #150121: Thomas A. Mann Jr. for the property located at 21 Peace Street Providence. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi to accept the subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #150130: Brown University, for the property located at 346 Brook Street Providence. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to accept the subcommittees' recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Vice-Chairman Blackburn did not participate or vote on the above two appeals.**

**Open Forum / Public Comment:**

**Norman Mainville of the Harrisville Fire Marshal's Office question if**

**we would enforce C/O detector in all occupancies if the 2015 Fire Code is adopted. He has heard other state have mandated this in their fire code.**

**Adjournment:**

**Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 P.M.**